

REMARKS

The above-noted amendment of the claims are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependency, correct typographical errors, and include a definition of functional activity. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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